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PSC APPROVES AGREEMENT IN TIMBER CREEK SEWER COMPANY RATE CASE

Jefferson City (July 15, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an agreement which authorizes the Timber Creek Sewer Company to increase annual sewer revenues by approximately \$80,000 effective July 31, 2004.

Based upon a thorough review of the Company's books and records, it was determined that a rate increase was necessary to cover the cost of operating and maintaining the sewer system. In particular, a rate increase was necessary in order for the Company to earn a return on its investment in a new sewer treatment plant completed in 2001. Timber Creek Sewer Company had not increased its sewer rates since 1996 and stated that it is not currently earning a return on the substantial investment (new sewer treatment plant) completed in 2001.

The agreement approved by the five-member Commission was submitted by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Timber Creek Sewer Company and the Office of the Public Counsel. The Office of the Public Counsel represents the general public in matters before the Public Service Commission.

Under the agreement, residential sewer rates will increase from the current rate of \$16.50 a month to \$26.97 a month.

The Timber Creek Sewer Company serves approximately 672 customers in Platte County near Platte City, Missouri.

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